



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Kathleen Lange was chosen as the 2005 National  
3 Education Association-ESP of the Year; she was also chosen as  
4 the Illinois Education Association-ESP of the Year in 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, IEA-ESP membership exceeds 23,000; its members  
6 are actively involved in the association at the local, state,  
7 and national levels, in their community organizations, and in  
8 school restructuring efforts as partners with their teachers  
9 and administrative colleagues; the IEA-ESP award is meant to  
10 further emphasize the contributions of Educational Support  
11 Professionals to their association, schools, and community;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The National Education Association-ESP has over  
14 375,000 members and, each year, one of the 50 state association  
15 awardees is chosen as the NEA-ESP of the Year; and

16 WHEREAS, As the recipient of the NEA-ESP of the Year award,  
17 Ms. Lange receives \$10,000; she is donating the entire award to  
18 the RAINBOWS Program in District 59; RAINBOWS is an  
19 international, not-for-profit organization that fosters  
20 emotional healing among children grieving a loss from a  
21 life-altering crisis, such as divorce, death, or severe  
22 illness; and

23 WHEREAS, Since 1995, she has worked as a Health Care  
24 Assistant in a K-5 elementary school; after developing an  
25 electronic log for student visits that is now used  
26 district-wide at all 14 schools, she accepted a temporary  
27 assignment in the Technology Department in November 2004, where  
28 she assists members in achieving data quality objectives within  
29 the district's web-based database; and

30 WHEREAS, When Salt Creek School applied to The Lincoln

1 Foundation for the 2004 Lincoln Award for progress toward  
2 excellence, she was asked to join the writing team; Salt Creek  
3 won the Lincoln Bronze Award for their commitment to adopt and  
4 apply continuous improvement principles in their school; and

5 WHEREAS, After serving as an Association Representative  
6 for two years, she was the first ESP elected as president of  
7 her wall-to-wall local; in 2002, she was elected as Region  
8 Chair, the first time an ESP was elected to serve as Chair of  
9 Region 43; as the chair of Region 43, she has worked to help  
10 certified members and ESP members see the "common ground" that  
11 is shared by all IEA-NEA members; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we congratulate Kathleen Lange on being chosen as the NEA-ESP  
15 of the Year 2005 and wish her the very best in her future  
16 endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to Kathleen Lange as an expression of our admiration  
19 and esteem.